



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 59

LCO No. 559

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING RETAIL WINE SELLERS AND WINE-RELATED CLASSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 30-20 of the 2012 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

4 (a) A package store permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic
5 liquor not to be consumed on the premises, such sales to be made only
6 in sealed bottles or other containers. The holder of a package store
7 permit may, in accordance with regulations adopted by the
8 Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to the provisions of
9 chapter 54, offer free samples of alcoholic liquor for tasting on the
10 premises, conduct fee-based wine education and tasting classes and
11 demonstrations and conduct tastings or demonstrations provided by a
12 permittee or backer of a package store for a nominal charge to
13 charitable nonprofit organizations. Any offering, tasting, wine
14 education and tasting class or demonstration held on permit premises
15 shall be conducted only during the hours a package store is permitted
16 to sell alcoholic liquor under section 30-91. No store operating under a

17 package store permit shall sell any commodity other than alcoholic
 18 liquor except that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, such
 19 store may sell (1) cigarettes, (2) publications, (3) bar utensils, which
 20 shall include, but need not be limited to, corkscrews, beverage
 21 strainers, stirrers or other similar items used to consume or related to
 22 the consumption of alcoholic liquor, (4) gift packages of alcoholic
 23 liquor shipped into the state by a manufacturer or out-of-state shipper,
 24 which may include a nonalcoholic item in the gift package that may be
 25 any item, except food or tobacco products, provided the dollar value of
 26 the nonalcoholic items does not exceed the dollar value of the alcoholic
 27 items of the package, (5) nonalcoholic beverages, (6) concentrates used
 28 in the preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (7) beer and wine-
 29 making kits and products related to beer and wine-making kits, (8) ice
 30 in any form, (9) articles of clothing imprinted with advertising related
 31 to the alcoholic liquor industry, (10) gift baskets or other containers of
 32 alcoholic liquor, (11) multiple packages of alcoholic liquors, as defined
 33 in subdivision (3) of section 30-1, provided in all such cases the
 34 minimum retail selling price for such alcoholic liquor shall apply, and
 35 (12) lottery tickets authorized by the Department of Consumer
 36 Protection, if licensed as an agent to sell such tickets by said
 37 department. A package store permit shall also allow the taking and
 38 transmitting of orders for delivery of such merchandise in other states.
 39 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a package store permit
 40 shall allow the participation in any lottery ticket promotion or
 41 giveaway sponsored by the Department of Consumer Protection. The
 42 annual fee for a package store permit shall be five hundred thirty-five
 43 dollars.

44 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt
 45 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, regarding
 46 class content and maximum allowable fees a package store permittee
 47 may charge for a fee-based wine education and tasting class conducted
 48 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

49 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) A grocery store beer permit may be granted to any grocery

50 store and shall allow the retail sale of beer in standard size containers
 51 not to be consumed on the premises. A holder of a grocery store beer
 52 permit shall post in a prominent location adjacent to the beer display,
 53 the retail price for each brand of beer and said retail price shall include
 54 all applicable federal and state taxes including the applicable state
 55 sales taxes. The annual fee for a grocery store beer permit shall be one
 56 hundred seventy dollars.

57 [(c)] (d) "Grocery store" means any store commonly known as a
 58 supermarket, food store, grocery store or delicatessen, primarily
 59 engaged in the retail sale of all sorts of canned goods and dry goods
 60 such as tea, coffee, spices, sugar and flour, either packaged or in bulk,
 61 with or without fresh fruits and vegetables, and with or without fresh,
 62 smoked and prepared meats, fish and poultry, except that no store
 63 primarily engaged in the retail sale of seafood, fruits and vegetables,
 64 candy, nuts and confectioneries, dairy products, bakery products or
 65 eggs and poultry shall be included in the definition of "grocery store".

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	30-20

Statement of Purpose:

To allow fee-based wine education and tasting classes to be conducted on package store premises.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]